

commended a thorough and prayerful canvass of the churches by the respective sessions in the interest of the family altar, using the pledge cards designed and recommended by the General Assembly; and a report be made of this canvass at the fall meeting of Presbytery.

Bills and Overtures: Presbytery overtures the General Assembly that it provide some measure for the insurance of the proper administration of any and all funds (trust funds) now held, or may hereafter come into the possession of any congregation, or any officers or agents of theirs.

Adjourned Meeting: There will be an adjourned meeting of Bethel Presbytery in the Presbyterian church at Great Falls June 3d, at 8 P. M.

Fall Meeting: The regular fall meeting will be held at Olivet church, McConnellsville, September 5th, at 11 A. M.

John A. McMurray, Stated Clerk.

ROANOKE.

The Presbytery of Roanoke, at its spring meeting in Danville, Va., April 11-13, adopted the following:

"Whereas, the question has been asked of the Presbytery; therefore,

"Resolved, That the attention of all our Sessions be called to the law of the Church that called meetings of the Session can only be called by the pastor, who is ex-officio moderator, except where there is no pastor; therefore, any action taken by any such meeting in the absence of the pastor is null and void. They are, therefore, advised that no Session or church can change the terms of the call to a pastor without consent of Presbytery (See Par. 63 and 68, Book of Church Order)."

At the same meeting of Presbytery the following was adopted as to what constitutes a church school:

"Resolved, 1. That the Presbytery of Roanoke understands the Assembly's definition of a church school as follows: A parochial school is one controlled by a Session. A Presbyterian school is one controlled by a Presbytery. A Synodical school is one controlled by a Synod or Synods. A school of the whole Church is one controlled by the General Assembly.

"2. That we do not recognize as a school of the Southern Presbyterian Church any college or university whose trustees are not nominated by a Synod or Synods, or by the General Assembly of our Church."

In response to an address by Rev. A. C. Bridgman, the same meeting of Presbytery adopted the following:

"Your committee to respond to the address of Rev. A. C. Bridgman, Financial Agent of Hampden-Sidney College, report as follows:

"We have listened with great interest to the facts and statements presented by him. We recognize the great usefulness of this old college to the Church in all the past and rejoice that it gives promise of even greater usefulness for the future. We recognize that our people have not patronized it as fully as they should have done. Out of some 800 Presbyterian Virginia boys now in college, only about 100 of them are now at Hampden-Sidney. We recommend that our preachers and ruling elders be urged to bring it to the attention of parents having boys to educate and use their influence to have them sent there. After a careful investigation of conditions, we believe that, all things considered, it is one of the best schools to which to send them. We further urge our churches to take hold anew of the effort to increase its endowment fund."

J. M. W. Elder,

Stated Clerk, Roanoke Presbytery.

CHEROKEE.

Cherokee Presbytery met in Alpine church, Menlo, Ga., April 18, 1916, at 7:30 P. M. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Barber, the retiring moderator.

Present: Eleven ministers and 20 elders.

Officers: Elder B. I. Hughes was elected moderator, and Rev. T. M. Stribling, temporary clerk.

Calls: The Summerville, Bethel, and Milner Memorial churches presented calls for the pastoral services of Rev. R. H. Orr, and commissions were appointed for his installation. Commissions reported the installation of Rev. C. R. Bailey as pastor of the Alpine, Walnut Grove, and Beersheba churches.

Reports of Committees: Committees on Assembly Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and

Ministerial Relief, Publication, and Sabbath-School Extension, and Bible Cause made full reports, which in the main were most encouraging. The Ministerial Endowment Fund was commended to our churches and provision made for the presentation of this cause in all the churches during the next month.

Education: Reports from Davidson College and Thornwell Orphanage received the attention of the Presbytery, and the Oglethorpe University movement was heartily and unanimously endorsed.

Evangelism: The Presbytery set apart Wednesday afternoon and evening of the next meeting to be devoted to the subject of Evangelism and Home Missions.

Presbyterial sermon on Foreign Missions was preached by Rev. B. F. Guille, and Rev. C. R. Bailey was appointed to preach on Home Missions at the fall meeting.

Local Home Missions: Elder G. H. Miller resigned the chairmanship of Local Home Missions on account of impaired health, and by a rising vote the Presbytery expressed its appreciation of his long and untiring services, and Rev. G. C. Sydnor, of Rome, was elected chairman.

Stated Meeting: The next regular meeting will be held at Midway church, September 11, 1916, at 7:30 o'clock.

Thanks: The Presbytery was delightfully entertained by the people of Menlo and expressed appreciation of the hospitality enjoyed.

Stated Clerk.

COLUMBIA.

The Presbytery of Columbia met in Spring Hill church, Spring Hill, Tenn., April 11 at 7:30 P. M., and was opened with a sermon by Rev. W. E. Phifer, the last Moderator present.

There were five ministers and seven-teen elders present at roll call.

Organization: Rev. W. R. Hardy was elected Moderator and Rev. J. F. Coleman, temporary clerk.

Ordination and Installation: The report of the Commission to ordain Rev. W. R. Hardy and install him as pastor over Petersburg and Union churches was approved.

Home Missions: This committee made a most encouraging report, showing that all of the Home Mission churches had been regularly supplied. On the recommendation of the committee Presbytery requested that the churches raise an amount equal to 20 per cent. of pastors' salaries for the prosecution of its Home Mission work. The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand.

Evangelist: Rev. A. P. Gregory, evangelist, made an extensive report, showing that he had been actively engaged in looking after the Home Mission churches, and in investigating the strategic points for future aggressive work. He was re-elected as evangelist of the Presbytery for six months.

Foreign Missions: The report of this committee showed an increase in contributions of \$573 over last year. The Presbytery adopted the recommendations of the committee that Mission Study Classes be organized, and that the Sabbath Schools be lined up in the effort to disseminate missionary in the Brazil campaign for 1916, and that the Committee at Nashville be asked to send a missionary to visit all the churches in the Presbytery, as soon as practicable, under the direction of the Presbyterial Committee.

Monroe Harding Home: Dr. J. C. Molloy, chairman of the committee on the Monroe Harding Home reported that there were thirty-six girls and twenty-four boys being cared for by the Home, and urged that larger offerings from the churches must be made if the institution is to be relieved of its present indebtedness, and current expenses met.

Pastoral Relations: The pastoral relation between Rev. G. H. Turpin and Bethany and Young's Chapel was dissolved, and he was dismissed to the Presbytery of St. Johns. The pastoral relation between Rev. W. E. Phifer and the Lewisburg church was dissolved, and the Stated Clerk was authorized to issue a letter of dismission to Mr. Phifer when asked for by him, as he did not then know what Presbytery he would accept.

Commissioners to the Assembly: Ministers—Rev. J. C. Molloy, D. D., was elected principal and Rev. C. C. McNeill alternate; Elders—D. F. Fulton principal and J. W. Young alternate.

Stated Clerk: Rev. R. S. Brown was re-elected Stated Clerk. Presbytery adjourned to meet at Wales on Tues-

day at 7:30 P. M. on or before the full moon in September, 1916.

R. S. Brown, S. C.

WEST LEXINGTON.

West Lexington Presbytery met in the Chapel of Lees Collegiate Institute, Jackson, Ky., April 11th, at 7:30 P. M.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. J. D. Wallace, preached the opening sermon from Mark 10:29. Moderator Rev. A. H. Doak was unanimously elected Moderator. Wednesday morning the devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Cary F. Moore from Eph. 5:6.

Rev. W. O. Shewmaker was granted permission to labor without the bounds of Presbytery. Rev. G. W. Kerstetter was received by letter from Transylvania Presbytery. Home Missions.—The work was reported by the superintendent as in a satisfactory condition with the exception of one field. The apportionment adopted for the churches for the coming year is \$3,850.00. The salary of Mr. T. B. Talbot for the joint work of Superintendent of Home Missions and Sabbath School Missionary was increased from \$1,200.00 to \$1,400.00, with \$300.00 additional for expenses.

Canyon Falls: After a ten days' meeting, conducted by Rev. J. D. Wallace, a commission organized a church at this place.

Missions of the First Presbyterian church, Lexington: Rev. W. A. Hopkins was installed missionary pastor of this church, January 30, 1916.

Dismissed: Rev. W. F. Hollingsworth was dismissed to Wilmington Presbytery.

Systematic Benevolence Committee: The following amounts were reported as given by the churches for the causes: Foreign Missions, \$4,382.00; Synod's Home Missions, \$16.00; Congregational Home Missions, \$540.00; Sunday-school Extension, and Publication, \$330.00; Bible Causes, \$79; Assembly's Home Missions, \$918.00; Presbytery's Home Missions, \$3,371.00; Education and Ministerial Relief, \$545.00; Schools and Colleges, \$1,215.00; Orphans' Homes, \$691.00; Miscellaneous Benevolences, \$1,395.00. Total, \$13,482.00.

Church Societies: Women's Societies are found in twenty-three of our forty-four churches, with a membership of 1,019, with gifts to benevolences of \$4,512, and to other causes of \$1,555.00. Young People's Societies are found in twelve of our forty-four churches, with a membership of 496, with gifts to benevolences of \$453.00, and to other causes of \$83.00. Twenty-one churches have no women's organizations, and thirty-two have none for young people. These societies are urged to all become connected with the Presbyterial. Attention is called to the possibilities of young people's organizations.

Laymen's Missionary Convention: Resolutions were adopted inviting the organization to hold its regular convention at Lexington during February, 1917.

Schools and Orphanages: Mr. R. K. Axon addressed the Presbytery, by invitation, on this cause. Presbytery expressed its appreciation of the address.

Commissioners to the General Assembly: The following were elected: Ministers—principals, Rev. A. H. Doak and Rev. C. G. Gunn. Alternates, Rev. H. L. Cockerham and Rev. G. W. Telford. Ruling elders—principals, T. B. Talbot and E. D. Veach. Alternates, C. J. Graves and W. K. Massie.

Student Loan Fund Scholarships: Pastors are urged to present this matter to their congregations, and to secure at least one \$100.00 scholarship in each church.

Endowment Fund of Ministerial Relief: Every church is urged to contribute to this fund in view of the offer of \$6,800.00 by one of our elders.

Foreign Missions: It is recommended that classes be organized in all the churches to study Brazil this coming year, and that pastors secure missionary education in the Sabbath-school, especially in the line of the Brazil campaign.

A popular meeting in the interest of Home Missions was held, presided over by Mr. T. B. Talbot. Rev. C. G. Gunn gave stereopticon views of mission churches and schools in Breathitt and Lee counties. Addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. J. S. Hagins, W. A. Hopkins and E. H. Carleton.

Sabbath Schools: The enrollment is three hundred more than our resident church membership. They show growth and activity. They have given to all causes \$2,905.08, about \$1,000.00 to benevolences. Institutes have been held in various places, resulting in much good.



Evangelism: The committee reports seventeen meetings held in seventeen churches, with one hundred and thirty-four additions. Pastors commend the evangelistic conferences. It is urged that the same preparation be made for evangelistic services held by pastors that are made for professional evangelists.

Notice was given of a proposed amendment to the rules, to have the minutes printed in full.

A vote of appreciation was extended the moderator for his ability exercised in the dispatch of the business of Presbytery. The thanks of Presbytery were tendered the people of Jackson for their kind hospitality.

Fall Meeting: The fall meeting of Presbytery will be in the First church, Lexington.

S. M. Logan, S. C.

WINCHESTER.

The Presbytery of Winchester held its spring meeting with the Church at Woodstock, Va., opening on Tuesday night, April 18, and closing on Friday at noon. The attendance was good—23 ministers and 22 elders—and the whole meeting, from beginning to end, was interesting and pleasant and helpful, especially to the local church people. The preaching was of a high order, from the moderator's opening sermon to the trial sermon, in the closing hours of the meeting, by our candidate for licensure, Mr. F. J. Brooke, Jr. Rev. M. E. Hansel, retiring moderator, preached on Heb. 12:1, 2, Dr. Alfred Jones, on The Providence of God, Dr. J. H. Lacy, by appointment of Presbytery, on "The Element of Sacrifice in Christian Service," and Mr. Brooke on Rom. 1:16. Mr. Brooke's sermon was followed by his formal licensure, after a very satisfactory examination. He signified his acceptance of calls to the churches of Thomas, Gorman, and Bayard, expecting to begin his work there about June 1. This licensure leaves us four candidates in various stages of preparation, Mr. John M. Duckwall having been taken under our care at this meeting.

Under the efficient leadership of Rev. F. J. Brooke, D. D., the Home Missionary work of the Presbytery has been vigorously pressed, and the report showed faithful work on the part of the missionary pastors, and encouraging results. Every field is now provided for, and the committee was authorized to employ a Superintendent of Home Missions and Sunday School Work as soon as the way is clear. Dr. Booker, of the Synod's Committee, was present with a helpful and cheering message. Dr. Brooke, having borne the very heavy burden of this work for some years in addition to his pastoral cares, asked to be relieved of reluctantly granted, Rev. C. D. Gilkeson, at the request of the committee, being made chairman, and, in turn, being relieved of the chairmanship of Evangelistic Work, which was promptly turned over to Dr. Brooke. Thirty-eight evangelistic meetings were held during the year, resulting in 188 additions on profession.

Foreign Mission received a full and interested hearing at a public service, addresses being made by Rev. Jas. R. Graham and Rev. Hugh W. White,